Museum and Marine Educators

The South Street Seaport Museum seeks experienced enthusiastic educators to teach educational programs on board our sailing vessels, in our galleries, on walking tours, and in classrooms around the city.

The South Street Seaport Museum, located in downtown Manhattan, tells the story of how New York’s great natural harbor gave rise to the metropolis we know today. Our educators bring to our students a sense of the Seaport’s history and the Harbor’s continued importance as an ecosystem and as an economic waterway.

Educational programs for visiting schools last from 90 minutes to three hours, and include topics such as New Amsterdam history, Life on Board a Tall Ship, and Estuary Ecology. Most of our programs are interdisciplinary in scope, with as much attention paid to how students are learning as to what they are learning. Some programs are specifically designed for Access/Special Needs groups. See southstreetseaportmuseum.org/education for more information.

The role of Educator includes but is not limited to:

- Teaching school programs and family programs as scheduled, including programs on board our sailing vessels, in our galleries, on walking tours, and in classrooms around the city
- Delivering content to school groups in an engaging and informative manner, with a focus on the learner
- Setting up and cleaning up before and after programs
- Supporting social and emotional learning as well as content knowledge
- Meeting the needs of diverse learners, including different age groups, different amounts of background knowledge and experience, different ethnicities and cultures, different learning styles, and different educational and physical requirements
- Communicating with teachers regarding their class, content, and students
- Communicating reliably with Education Department staff, including checking work email daily and responding promptly
- Participating in training and professional development, including regular debriefing sessions
- Engaging in self-study to enrich your background knowledge in our content areas and pedagogy
- At times, assisting with research and development of new programs
- For educators working on board schooner Pioneer, you are encouraged to participate in additional training on Saturday mornings so that you may assist in vessel operations as necessary on education trips

Academic Qualifications and Skills

- Teaching experience
- Bachelor’s Degree in a field related to education, history, or science, OR Bachelor’s Degree in an unrelated field but extensive experience in a related field
- Demonstrated interest in our particular content areas
- Desirable but not required:
- Master’s Degree (completed or in process) in education, history, life or earth science, or a related field
- Teacher certification
- Second-language proficiency
- Experience working in Access programs and with special needs populations
- Willingness to travel to schools around the city, bringing educational equipment (rolling bag weighs about 25 pounds)
- Sailing, Sail Training, or Tall Ships experience (required for teaching on schooner Pioneer)
- Theater background

**Personal Qualifications:**

- An outgoing personality with the ability to communicate well in public settings
- Eagerness to learn new content and pedagogy
- Understanding of and awareness of students and their learning
- Professional and personable demeanor
- Flexibility, positive outlook, and team focus
- Ability to look at your work critically and reflectively and desire to continually improve your practice
- Willingness to have your work viewed and discussed by colleagues, and ability to participate kindly and thoughtfully in analysis of colleagues’ work
- Ability to spend several hours walking and/or standing in public spaces, climb stairs, and work out of doors.

Part-time and Per Diem positions available. No full-time positions available.

**How to apply:**

Email cover letter and resume with “Educator 2018” in the subject line to: education@seany.org

**No Phone Calls Please**

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